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AUSTRIA'S REPLY COMING OVER CABLE IN SECTIONS

First Installment Reached State Department Today--Secretary Lansing Refuses Comment and Reply Will Not Be Made Public Before Monday--It Is Believed That All American Demands Have Been Complied With

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Washington, Dec. 31.—Charge d' Affaires Zwiadinek of the Austrian embassy believes the Austrian reply in the Ancona case will satisfy the administration he today told the United Press.

"I sincerely hope and trust that our reply will convince the United States that we wish to abide by the principles of humanity and do our utmost to be fair in dealing with the United States," said Zwiadinek.

Aside from discussion of the indemnity matter and possible consideration of a more formal disavowal of the torpedoing, it is probable that Austria will insist that no passengers consider themselves safe from attack aboard Italian liners as long as the Italian order to ram submarines, or escape, holds good.

Postmaster General Bursleson was optimistic. "They state that they have punished the submarine commander, according to reports, they assure us that there will be no repetition of such attacks and they promise indemnity," he said.

Chairman Flood of the house foreign committee likewise took a rosy view of the situation. "The developments," he said, "are gratifying. Austria's response was not only satisfactory but generous. I believe there is scarcely a possibility now of unfriendly results from the Ancona case."

In effect, the reply granted America's specific demands for disavowal of the torpedoing, for punishment of the commander, and for reparation. There was elation because she even went so far as to give assurances for the future conduct of her submarine warfare according to the principles of international law.

It was held she did this in the following quoted from the unofficial text. "The Austro-Hungarian government can positively concur in the principle that enemy vessels, unless they flee or resist, shall not be destroyed until persons aboard are rescued."

This is the most important Austrian concession, even more definite than any yet secured from Germany in the Lusitania case. This comes direct from the Austrian government and applies to all enemy ships, whereas in Germany's case, her only pledge is Ambassador Von Bernstorff's note applicable only to "liners."

President Wilson is not expected to insist to the point of an open break, upon a specific and definite disavowal. Officials believe that Austria substantially disavowed the torpedoing by admitting that her commander erred in torpedoing the Ancona while passengers were still aboard and by ordering punishment for this act.

Austria's refusal of responsibility for deaths due to panic among the crew, as quoted in the unofficial text, is not regarded as important nor as an evasion of the disavowal demand.

INVASION OF VETERAN RUSS ARMY NEW MENACE TO BULGARIA



Russian army mobilized at Odessa ready for Bulgarian invasion; General Savoff, commander in chief of Bulgarian forces; map illustrating Russian invasion of Bulgaria, towns marked with heavy circles indicating concentration points of the Russian army.

For many weeks a large Russian army has been stationed at Odessa on the Black Sea, ready for an invasion of Bulgaria. A few days ago it was reported that a portion of this army had actually been landed at the Bulgarian port of Varna.

The men Russia plans to use in conquering Bulgaria are all veterans of the Polish campaigns and to say the least they are hardy, rugged fighters.

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Details as to what harbor or the reasons for the explosion were not given. The Natal, 480 feet in length with a 73 foot beam was built in 1903. Her speed was 30 knots and she carried six 9.2 and four 7.5 inch guns.

Immediate investigation of the sinking has been ordered. The government withheld news of the disaster for nearly a day in order that it might ascertain the number of survivors. It is believed that many if not all of the survivors were on shore at the time of the explosion, and owed their lives to this fact.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Greece had addressed to the allies a protest over seizure of diplomats of the central powers at Salonika. Upon General Sarraill's orders, the consuls of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were reported taken over by allied troops.

This news caused great excitement among diplomatic officials in Athens. The Austro-German ambassadors asked the foreign office if the stories were true. Then the reports were not officially confirmed, but later the protests were made, it was stated.

It was understood that General Sarraill justified his action on the statement that the consulates harbored spies. Bulgarian deserters confirmed reports that Austro-German forces had withdrawn from the Greek frontier, according to Salonika dispatches. The Teutons moved northward, presumably to meet the new Russian offensive in Bukovina and Galicia.

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SIX STATES GOING DRY AT STROKE OF MIDNIGHT

Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Colorado, Iowa and Arkansas Will Be On Water Wagon After Today--Liquor Stocks Have Been Largely Bought Up In Large Cities of Northwest In Anticipation of Drouth--Over Eight Million People Reside In New Dry Zone

Chicago, Dec. 31.—It's going to be a long time between alcoholic drinks in six western states after today, for the Water Wagon unlimited at midnight will run its route into Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Arkansas.

And down south, South Carolina likewise is a station on the line; while Virginia will be on the schedule November 1 next.

With the last two named, there will be 19 dry states in the Union. Nebraska, California, Michigan, South Dakota, Vermont and Alaska have announced that they will vote on the dry question this coming year, while several others are likely to do the same.

With seven states going dry tonight, 8,254,043 more persons, according to the 1910 census will be riding high—and dry—on the well known sprinkler.

New Deserts On the Water Wagon Route With Some Oases.

Washington: State goes dry at midnight. Law permits 2 quarts of strong liquor or 24 quarts of beer to be shipped in monthly to a person. Oregon: Law virtually same as Washington's. Idaho: This state will be dry as a bone. "Booze" can't be made, sold or shipped in. Colorado: State "dry," but unlimited quantities may be shipped in for private use. South Carolina: State dry, but residents allowed to receive one gallon of whiskey or beer a month. Iowa: State dry; campaign against bootleggers on. Arkansas: State dry. One year in penitentiary, with no suspended sentences for violation of dry regulations.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—Seattle, the largest city in the United States to go dry, is ready to climb the water wagon—or will be sometime after midnight. With stocks in saloons and cafes almost run bare, but with still enough left to permit a "large" night of it, it is expected that the biggest New Year's "wet" celebration in the city's history will occur tonight.

The breweries and most of the wholesale houses here have already made arrangements for locations in California. One of the largest wholesale firms in Seattle will be located at Stockton where they expect to do an extensive mail order business. Many of the saloons, however, are going to remain in Seattle and will convert their places into billiard rooms, soft drink establishments and other lines of business.

Seattle's population according to the 1915 estimate of the United States census bureau, is 321,931. Patrolmen will be hot after roysters who throw confetti and talem powder, or wild flower dusters. "Police court will be held on the street," said Chief Lang. "All of the rough ones will get their punishment right off the bat instead of littering up the city jail."

The chief has given orders that all saloons and cafes be locked promptly at 12 o'clock. Those on the inside, it is said may remain as long as they choose in order to consume liquor they have on the tables before midnight.

No Whiskey in Tacoma. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 31.—The scarce article in Tacoma today is whiskey. There is hardly a saloon in town where this popular stimulant can be purchased over the bar and none whatever is to be had in bulk or bottles. Beer supplies are also running short. The prospects are that the arrival of the New Year and state-wide prohibition will have to be celebrated tonight with expensive wines or cordials, as these brands of liquors are all that remain to grace the shelves of liquor stores here.

Retail liquor establishments were practically sold out last night. A suitcase brigade marched in and out of the various liquor stores all day yesterday and at nightfall there was nothing but empty shelves. Along with the suitcases were quite a few women's handbags and carryalls. Grain alcohol was not to be had at any price today. Bottled in hand whiskeys were all gone. Brandies and various medicinal liquors were exhausted. There was plenty of the high priced wines—champagnes, sparkling Burgundies and tae like—but from Seattle

Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—More than \$2,000,000 worth of liquor bought in cut rate sales stood today as Colorado's barrier against drouth which becomes state-wide at the stroke of midnight tonight. Sixteen hundred saloons will go out of business, while 11 breweries will close down forever or else enter other lines

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Ford Expedition Arrives at Copenhagen On Journey to The Hague

By Charles P. Stewart. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—The Ford peace expedition arrived here today on the last lap of their journey. Business Manager Plantiff is trying to charter a vessel to take the delegates to The Hague, but it is probable, however, that the party will accept the Stockholm mayor's invitation to return to Stockholm for their peace conference. The managers have abandoned all hope that Germany will permit the expedition to cross that country to reach The Hague.

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GERMANY IS NOT MANEUVERING FOR PEACE, SAYS BARON

Special Adviser of Foreign Office Disavows Wolf News Agency Story

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 31.—The foreign office today took official cognizance of the Wolff News Agency Zurich dispatches, quoting Germany's possible peace terms, when Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, special adviser, denied emphatically that Germany is maneuvering for peace.

"Our military, financial and economic position is such that we can just as well make peace as to continue the war," said the baron. "Which of these possibilities becomes a fact depends not upon us, but upon our opponents. As the chancellor said, we will consider every proposal which is made, but as for ourselves, we have no propositions at present."

The baron, who had just conferred with Foreign Secretary Von Jagow, continued: "We have not made up our minds about any peace. The government is anxious to express clearly and distinctly that it had nothing to do with the contents or publication of the Zurich article. It is not our custom to express our opinion in a roundabout way in the neutral press."

He said this applied equally to reports frequently started in America from alleged German sources. "The chancellor stated details of our positions concerning peace in the reichstag December 9. We still hold the same view, and we shall not change it, despite the shouting which may arise in the foreign press."

Besides being special adviser to Von Jagow, Schwarzenstein is exceptionally intimate with the kaiser. He formerly was ambassador to Japan.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.—Three lonely graves out on the sands near the international boundary today told the desolate story of half starved Mexican refugees fleeing into Juarez from their hovels in the inland.

Beside one, a woman wept, as she chattered something in her Mexican patois. Her baby lay buried there. In another grave, a girl was buried. Exhaustion in the bitter march to Juarez killed her. Beside her was a soldier's body.

Juarez is overcrowded. Suffering women, clasping to their breasts, babies born on the march; ragged soldiers, beaten in the insurrections; more prosperous looking Carranzistas are huddled together while authorities are vainly trying to give them food and medical aid.

American physicians are aiding the refugees. Medicine chests have been exhausted. Orders are out to keep the refugees from El Paso.

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came many calls for just such stock and there was every indication that these goods, too, would be exhausted before night.

Portland Stocks Exhausted. Portland, Or., Dec. 31.—The saloon's last day in Oregon was not a very wet one. Today Portland was already as near dry that the transition tonight will make little difference, as far as the general public is concerned.

There is an actual famine of strong drink. The few quarts remaining sold for twice their normal price. Some householders who stocked up early took advantage of the high prices and unloaded some of their bonded goods to the saloons.

Beer flowed rather freely today. There is plenty of it in kegs, but bottled beer has been an unknown commodity for a week. The prospects this morning was that the tonight's crowd will be drinking nothing but beer.

A few saloons stopped selling whiskey altogether. Most of them responded to the calls for whiskey, but the bartenders themselves wouldn't guarantee the article they placed on the bar. Detectives hunted saloons, frequently sampling the wares to see that the saloonkeepers, in a burst of last day enthusiasm, didn't make their decisions vile enough to be unlawful.

The owners of two retail liquor stores spent last night in the county jail for selling burnt sugar and water for port wine. Authorities expect more complaints of this sort when the stocks of liquor in homes throughout the city are opened.

Last night the bulls gained possession of the liquor market and prices soared. Hundreds of men, and women, too, with suitcases were on the streets. Even saloons were a scarcity. The price rose from \$3.25 to \$8 a gallon in the last few weeks.

"They'll have to be good," was the ultimatum of Chief of Police Clark to the New Years crowd. Every available policeman in the city will be on duty tonight. Uniformed men and plain clothes men will be stationed in each grill. An officer to every saloon in the order for tonight.

Revelers in cafes will be allowed 15 minutes after midnight to drink up the liquor on the tables. By 1:30 every drop of intoxicant must be out of sight—forever.

Iowa To Enforce Low. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Under repeal of the state mule tax, 483 saloons and 16 breweries, all that remain of Iowa's legal ones, will close at midnight tonight. Moreover, a campaign started to guard against bootlegging, has already had wonderful effects in territory already dry.

The dry enforcement campaign in preliminary to next summer's state campaign for the state legislature, which will pass upon the state dry constitutional amendment for the second of three times.

Some of the breweries going out of the beer business have announced their entrance into the creamery traffic.

Abe Martin



The young wife who kin properly brown fried maul is in no immediate danger o' cruel an' inhuman treatment. Lawson Tanager died in jail today. He wuz a feller who might have grown rich as a lightain' rod agent.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday rain or snow west, snow east portion; warmer Saturday and in south and east portions tonight; southeast t r l y winds.

